**University Laser Safety**Practical Examples

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### **University Laser Safety**

The Michigan State University Laser Program was established in 2010.

Mary Hardy of Purdue University and Ken Barat were helpful in establishing the program.

The program was established with the "cradle to grave" philosophy and built on the ANSI Z136.1 standard.

## ISSUE #1- Building an Inventory

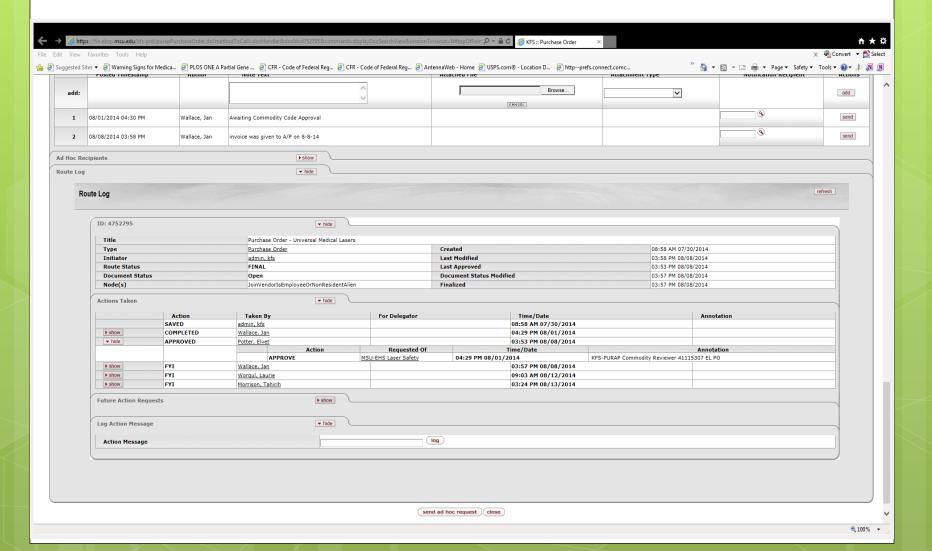
- First attempt- Walk around and try to find the lasers-EPIC FAIL.
  - MSU is a 5 mile<sup>2</sup> campus with many buildings and satellite campuses.
- Second attempt- call the departments to get a list of their lasers- FAIL
  - The departments knew less about their lasers than I did.

### Solution

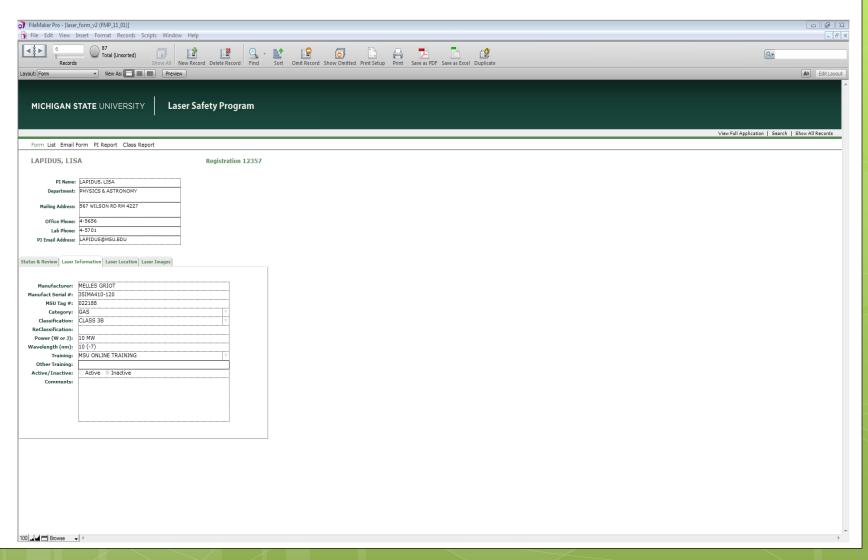
A deal was made with the purchasing department to;

- Assign lasers a code like the radiation department.
- Assign only one agent to laser purchasing.
- Do not allow the purchase to go thru until the LSO clears it.
- Once the laser arrives, the PI adds it to the online inventory.

### EBS (Enterprise Business Systems) Example



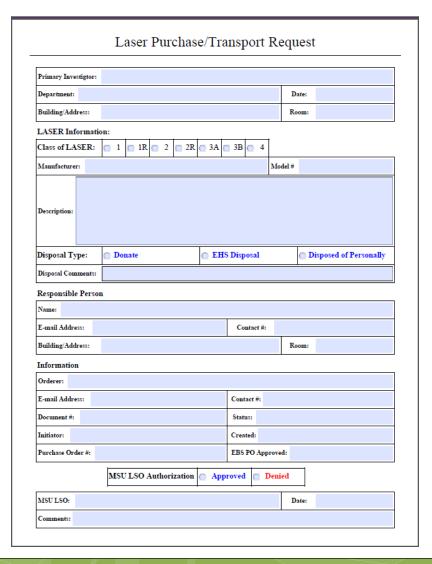
## Laser Safety Inventory



### Solution #1 Continued

- Salvage and recycling was instructed to no longer pick up unused or discarded lasers.
- They could help sell a laser and pack it for shipping but could not pick up, transport or store it.
- The LSO must clear the sale by contacting the receiving LSO.
- This has now been revised in light of other events to: MSU no longer sells unwanted lasers.

## MSU Purchase/Transport form



## ISSUE #2- Lighted signs

- Another challenge was the addition of lighted signs to adhere to the ANSI std
  4.3.9.4.2 Visible Warning Devices (Class 3B and Class 4).
- Prepared lighted signs were too expensive-\$400-\$700 per light.
- An estimate from a lighting and signage company- \$2500.00 per lab unit.

## The Solution

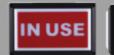
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- Moulded aluminium housing with IPSS rated liquid and chemical resistant appdiced coating
- · SMD ultra daylight active wafer matrix illumination
- · Impact & fade resistant, chemical safe exchangeable front poly carbonate graphic panel.
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- · Included accessory kit with mounting hardware and access tool.

#### SPECIFICATIONS

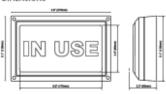
- Mains Powered (90-364 volts AC)
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- DIN Rail Power Supply
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- · Phone In Use Trigger
- Wineless Remote Control · Battery Power Pack
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Weight	1.21 lbs
Dimensions	8.5 x 5.3 x 2.3 in
Background Color	Red, Black, Grey, Blue, Yellow, Orange, Green, Milspec Green, White, Other (Pantone or RGB)
Voltage	Mains (90 – 264vAC), Low Voltage (12vDC), Low Voltage (24vDC), Battery Powered (8 x AA)
Frame	Black Electro Plate Coated Aluminium
Face Panel	Shatterproof Poly Carbonate Face Plate
Illumination	14 x SMD5050 7w LED Illumination (5000-5500k Color Temperature)
Operating Temperature	-4 to +140°F (-20 to +60°C)
Ingress Protection	IP55 Rated
Certificates	RoHS, CE, IP55
Optional Modules	Wireless Remote Control, DMX Control Trigger, Studio Console BUS Trigger, Phone In Use Trigger, Hardwired Wall Switch
Delivery	FREE Worldwide Delivery
Stock	In Stock – Ships Same Day

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# ISSUE #3 - Training

• The MSU-LSO Position is part time (=50%) so there is little time for face to face training.

### Solution

- LSO Provides basic training online and
- Provide site specific training;
  From the PI, or
  From the manufacturer
- Document both

## ISSUE #4 - Access controlled areas

- Interlocks needed in area but building/rooms are already built.
- Who will pay for the cost of the retrofit?

### Some Solutions

- Limit access to the room via:
  - o door lock core changes.

The easiest solution, limit keys to those who are trained and need access to the space

• Electronic code entry.

Can be expensive, doors can be popped by police dispatch, electronic malfunctions

Principle investigator controlled entry.

Only the professor has the code, delays if the PI is absent or forgets or losses

code

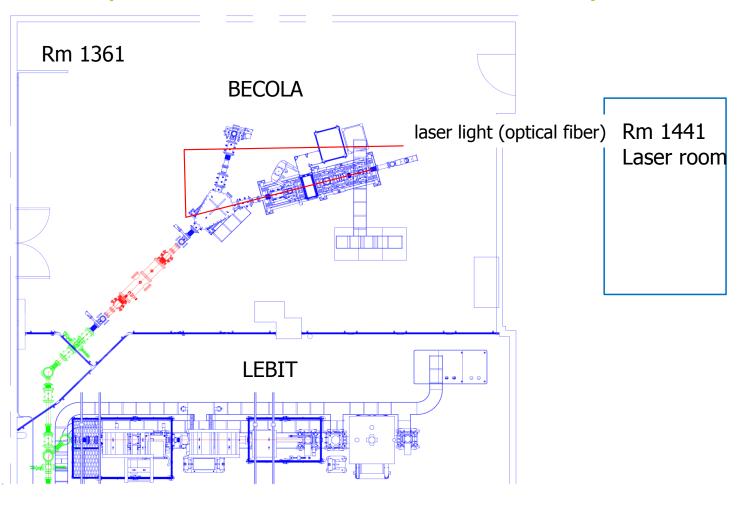
- NO DOOR PROPING FOR ANY REASON.
- Partition the room with beam blocking panels to create a temporary laser controlled area when the laser is running.

Used for shared spaces.

- Fully enclose the beam, creating a class 1 laser.
  Still treated as primary class during alignment and maintenance
- Place the laser in a remote area and control the activation/deactivation from that site.

No one is present at the site of the laser.

## Example of remote laser operation



# ISSUE #5 - Ongoing

- LSO authorization-
  - The direction of the program is not always up to the LSO.
  - LSO as a university position vs added duties
    - Several institution struggle with this issue.
    - Many do not have an actual University LSO, but departmental LSOs paid for and funded by the department.
    - Problem with this model is that there is no one voice for the University.
- Laser safety budget-
  - everyone wants to know who will pay for this?
  - Hinders safety request
  - Pls feel inundated with monetary request that takes funds from their research

## Thanks for listening

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